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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	PATENT ABSTRACTS OF JAPAN vol. 199, no. 710, 31 October 1997 (1997-10-31) & JP 9153315 A, (NGK INSULATORS LTD) 10 June 1997 (1997-06-10) abstract --	1,4,7,9-12, 17,19-21
A	US 4500745 A (MICHAEL R. MIGGINS), 19 February 1985 (19.02.1985), column 2, line 33 - column 4, line 13, figure 1 --	1-21
A	US 6088875 A (MAMORU ONO ET AL), 18 July 2000 (18.07.2000), column 3, line 9 - line 15, figure 1 --	1-21

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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on:

- ☒ the international application in the language in which it was filed
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 which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

- ☐ international search (Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1(b))
☐ publication of the international application (Rule 12.4(a))
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2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:

- ☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished
☒ the description:
 pages 1-10 _____ as originally filed/furnished
 pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
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- ☒ the claims:
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 pages* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
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- ☒ the drawings:
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-17</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>1-17</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-17</u>	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)**The invention**

The claimed invention concerns a bushing. The function of a bushing is to carry current through a barrier, such as a wall. A bushing comprises a central conductor surrounded by a dielectric medium. Furthermore, an insulating core built up around a central tube may be included.

Moisture may be absorbed into the core.

This invention is aimed to solve this problem. The solution is that at least a part of the insulating core comprises a diffusion barrier.

Cited documents

These documents are cited in the International Search Report. The citations are considered to describe the most relevant prior art:

D1) PATENT ABSTRACTS OF JAPAN vol. 199, no. 710, 31 October 1997 (1997-10-31) & JP 9153315 A, (NGK INSULATORS LTD) 10 June 1997 (1997-06-10) abstract

D2) US 4500745 A:

An insulating tube (3) is already known from D1. The tube (3) comprises a hollow core cylinder (1) and an outer covering (2). There is also a metallic seal part attached to an end part of the core cylinder (1).

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Supplemental Box

In case the space in any of the preceding boxes is not sufficient.
Continuation of: BOX V

The object of this invention is to prevent infiltration of water and moisture.

A bushing according to the state of the art is described in D2. The bushing (10) comprises a conducting rod (20) and the rod is surrounded by a core (30). The core (30) is made up of sheets of metal foils (26) and paper (28) (fig. 1 & column 2, line 33-column 4, line 13). The paper sheets (28) are saturated with epoxy.

Analysis**Claim 1**

D1 is cited in the International Search Report as a document of particular relevance and is now considered to show the closest background art. The reason for this review is that amended claim 1 of June 19, 2005, now describes that the insulating core comprises a diffusions barrier comprising a continuous film

These features are not revealed in D1. Consequently, D1 does not anticipate the technique of claim 1.

The bushing according to amended claim 1 is considered to give rise to an unexpected technical effect, i.e. the water or moisture is not absorbed by the insulating core in the bushing. Thus, this claim is not considered to describe a technique that is obvious to a person skilled in the art.

Claim 11

The independent and amended claim 11 reveals the same essential features as those according to claim 1.

Conclusion

In accordance with the arguments stated above, the invention in claims 1-17 is novel, considered to involve an inventive step and has industrial applicability.

CLAIMS

1. A bushing for an electrical device, comprising an insulating core (1, 7, 9), characterized in that at least a part of the insulating core (1, 7, 9) comprises a continuous diffusion barrier (2, 8) comprising a continuous film with firm adhesion to the insulating core (1, 7, 9).
2. A bushing according to claim 1, characterized in that the insulating core (1, 7, 9) is hollow and that at least part of the inside of the insulating core (1, 7, 9) is coated with the diffusion barrier (2, 8).
3. A bushing according to any of the preceding claims, characterized in that the insulating core (1, 7, 9) comprises a body of epoxy resin impregnated paper.
4. A bushing according to any of the preceding claims, characterized in that an outer hollow insulator (10) is arranged outside the insulating core (1, 7, 9), and that at least a part of the outer hollow insulator (10) is coated with the diffusion barrier (11, 12).
5. A bushing according to any of the preceding claims, characterized in that essentially the whole surface of the outer hollow insulator (10) is coated with the diffusion barrier (11, 12).
6. A bushing according to any of the preceding claims, characterized in that the diffusion barrier (2, 8, 11, 12) comprises at least one of the following; an inorganic film, an organic film or an organic/inorganic hybrid film.
7. A bushing according to any of the preceding claims, characterized in that the diffusion barrier (2, 8, 11, 12) comprises a multi-layer film.

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8. A bushing according to any of the preceding claims, characterized in that the diffusion barrier (2, 8, 11, 12) comprises particles of hybrid or inorganic nature.
- 5 9. A bushing according to any of the preceding claims, characterized in that the diffusion barrier (2, 8, 11, 12) has a coefficient of water permeability smaller than $0,1 \text{ g.m}^{-2}.\text{day}^{-1}$.
- 10 10. A bushing according to any of the preceding claims, characterized in that the diffusion barrier (2, 8, 11, 12) is deposited on at least part of the insulating core (1, 7, 9) and/or the outer hollow insulator (10) by one of the following methods; dipping, painting, spraying, plasma arc, sol-gel technology, Physical Vapor Deposition (PVD) or Chemical Vapor Deposition (CVD).
- 15 11. A method for manufacturing a bushing for an electrical device, the bushing comprising an insulating core (1, 7, 9), characterized in coating at least a part of the insulating core (1, 7, 9) with a continuous diffusion barrier (2, 8) comprising a continuous film with firm adhesion to the insulating core (1, 7, 9).
- 20 12. A method according to claim 11, characterized in that the insulating core (1, 7, 9) is hollow, and in coating at least part of the inside of the insulating core (1, 7, 9) with the diffusion barrier (2, 8)
- 25 13. A method according to any of claims 11-12, characterized in arranging an outer hollow insulator (10) outside the insulating core (1, 7, 9), and coating at least a part of the outer hollow insulator (10) with the diffusion barrier (11, 12).
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14. A method according to any of claims 11-13, characterized in coating essentially the whole surface of the outer hollow insulator (10) with the diffusion barrier (11, 12).
- 5 15. A method according to any of claims 11-14, characterized in coating the insulating core (1, 7, 9) and/or the outer hollow insulator (10) with the diffusion barrier (2, 8, 11, 12) comprising at least one of the following; an inorganic film, an organic film or an organic/inorganic hybrid film.
- 10 16. A method according to any of claims 11-15, characterized in coating the insulating core (1, 7, 9) with a diffusion barrier (2, 8, 11, 12) comprising a multi-layer film.
- 15 17. A method according to any of claims 11-16, characterized in depositing the diffusion barrier (2, 8, 11, 12) on at least part of the insulating core (1, 7, 9) and/or the outer hollow insulator (10), by one of the following methods; painting, dipping, spraying, plasma arc, sol-gel technology, Physical
- 20 Vapor Deposition (PVD) or Chemical Vapor Deposition (CVD).